district under the centrally sponsored growth centres scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (d). The Government in June 1988, announced a scheme of growth centres to promote industrialisation of backward areas. The growth centres,each of which would be developed in an area of 400-800 hectares, would be endowed with basic infrastructure facilties like power, telecommunication, water and banking enabling them to attract industries. It is proposed to develop 70 growth centres out of which locations of 63 growth centers have been identified and announced. Each growth center would be developed at a cost of approximate Rs. 25-30 cores. It is proposed to implement the scheme in the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

Government of Maharashtra had sent 12 proposals for selection of five growth centres allotted to the State. After discussions with the State Government, it has been decided to set up a growth centre each in the districts of Akola, Chandrapur, Dhule, Nanded and Ratnagiri.

[*Translation*]

Vitamin 'C' manufacturing units

2117. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual consumption of vitamin 'C' in the country vis-a-vis its total production; and

(b) the details of the units manufacturing this medicine with production capacity and locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). The information to the extent available is given below:-

Sl. No.	companies	A/C Unit	1989—90		1990—91	
			Production	Estimated Demand	Production	Estimated Demand
1.	Jayant Vitamin Ratlam (MP)	MT	660.95		535.86	- -
2.	Sarabhai M Çhem. Baroda (Gujarat)	MT	373.78		364.26	- -
		Total:	1034.74	892.00	900.12	937.00